



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Joseph G. Pantalion, P.E., Director  
Watershed Protection Department

Sara Hensley, CPRP, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

**DATE:** February 7, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Barton Springs Pool to Temporarily Close for Eliza Spring Daylighting Project

Barton Springs Pool will be temporarily closed on Monday, February 13, to allow for a full draw down of the pool to complete a critical phase of the Eliza Spring Daylighting Project. The pool is scheduled to reopen on Monday, February 20. This project is required and authorized by the City of Austin's federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permit that allows Barton Springs Pool to remain open to the public.

Deep Eddy Pool will have extended hours while Barton Springs Pool is closed. It will be open on weekdays from 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on weekends from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Eliza Springs Daylighting Project will remove a failing pipe underneath the north lawn by Barton Springs Pool to recreate habitat for the Barton Springs salamanders. During the construction preparation, pool water was observed flowing into the construction area adjacent to the bypass tunnel. The amount of water flowing in is prohibitive to complete the work. The draw down will help reduce inflows to a manageable volume.

The public is being notified of the pool closure through a media advisory, the Barton Springs Pool listserv, the pool hotline, website and informational signs. If patrons would like additional information about the project, they can visit the Eliza Daylighting website at <http://www.austintexas.gov/eliza>.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the project sponsor, David Johns, via email at [David.Johns@austintexas.gov](mailto:David.Johns@austintexas.gov), or at 512-974-2781.

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